

**Amendments to the Claims:**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An element organization support apparatus for selecting, for a project including plural tasks, executive elements for individual tasks and supporting organization of the plural executive elements, the apparatus comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a control unit that:

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~executive element management means for classifying~~ classifies  
executive elements that indicate activities to carry out a task into processible tasks and ~~managing~~ manages the classified executive elements; and

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~selecting means for selecting~~ selects a candidate executive element ~~from the executive element management means that can process each of the tasks~~ a task of a project that includes plural tasks, the selecting being based on the classification.

2. (Withdrawn-Currently Amended) The element organization support apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~further comprising:~~

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~modeling means for arranging wherein the control unit arranges~~ individual  
tasks hierarchically and generating ~~generates~~ a hierarchical model for processing ~~at~~ the project, wherein ~~the selecting means the control unit~~ selects, for each task in the hierarchical model, on the basis of the hierarchical model, ~~at~~ the candidate executive element that can process the task.

3. (Currently Amended) The element organization support apparatus according to Claim 1, ~~wherein the executive element management means includes further comprising a~~  
memory for storing at least element information that identifies a task processible by each executive element, and ~~the selecting means control unit~~ selects, on the basis of the element

information, ~~at~~the candidate executive element for processing each task required in ~~at~~the project.

4. (Currently Amended) The element organization support apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein the element information further includes data regarding processing time, and ~~the selecting means~~control unit, ~~where~~when there are plural candidate executive elements for a given task, rearranges the plural candidate executive elements according to the processing time and presents the ~~rearranged~~-candidate executive elements.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An element organization support apparatus for selecting, for use in the accomplishment of a job asked by a customer, an executive element ~~for each of the plural tasks~~that indicates an activity to carry out a task involved in the job, and supporting the organization of the plural executive elements to accomplish the job, comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ a control unit that:

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~executive element management means for classifying~~classifies executive elements into processible tasks and ~~managing~~manages the classified executive elements; and

\_\_\_\_\_ ~~selecting means for selecting~~selects a candidate executive element ~~from the executive element management means that can process each of the tasks~~the task of the job of a project that includes plural tasks, the selecting being based on the classification.

7. (Currently Amended) A device implemented service providing method, comprising:

\_\_\_\_\_ classifying plural executive elements ~~for executing tasks~~that indicate activities to carry out a task constituting ~~in advance~~ various services into processible tasks in advance

and managing the classified executive elements, each of the executive elements including at least one of human and physical elements;

receiving a request for organizing, for the accomplishment of a specific service asked by a customer, ~~executive elements for processing the specific service;~~

analyzing, by a processor, as instructed by the customer, ~~tasks~~ a task required for the specific service; and

selecting by a processor from the executive elements classified and managed, on the basis of the result of the analysis, ~~an a candidate~~ executive element for executing ~~each of the tasks of a project that includes plural tasks,~~ the task required for the specific service, the selecting being based on the classification.

8. (Previously Presented) The device implemented service providing method according to Claim 7, further comprising:

allowing the customer to evaluate the result of the organization of the executive elements; and

receiving, as the organizer of the executive elements, the evaluation and holding the evaluation in association with information concerning the organization of the executive elements provided to the customer.

9. (Currently Amended) An element organization support method executable by a processor for selecting, for a project including plural tasks, executive elements ~~for individual tasks~~ that indicate activities to carry out a task and supporting organization of the plural executive elements, the method comprising:

classifying by the processor the executive elements into processible tasks in advance and managing the classified executive elements; and

searching by the processor the executive elements classified and managed for ~~an a candidate~~ executive element to execute ~~each a task~~ of a project that includes plural tasks

and selecting the candidate executive element from the executive elements classified and managed that can process ~~each of the tasks of a project that includes plural tasks~~ the task, the selecting being based on the classification.

10. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing thereon a program executable by a processor for selecting, for a project including plural tasks, executive elements ~~for individual tasks~~ that indicate activities to carry out a task and thereby supporting organization of the plural executive elements, the program comprising:

a first module for classifying the executive elements into processible tasks in advance and managing the classified executive elements; and

a second module for searching the executive elements classified and managed for ~~an a candidate~~ executive element to ~~execute each task required for a given service~~ that can process a task of a project that includes plural tasks and selecting the candidate executive element from the executive elements classified and managed ~~that can process each of the tasks of a project that includes plural tasks~~, the selecting being based on the classification.

11. (Previously Presented) The storage medium according to Claim 10, wherein the first module calls a program performing the classification and management of the executive elements, and the second module calls a program searching for and selecting the executive element.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently Amended) An element organization support system, comprising:  
a database server for classifying data pieces regarding plural executive elements ~~for executing individual tasks~~ that indicate activities to carry out a task constituting various services into processible tasks, and managing the executive elements, the data pieces regarding executive elements including at least one of human and physical elements;

a reception server for receiving a request for preparation of organization of executive elements for processing a specific service asked by a customer; and

an analysis server for analyzing ~~tasks~~a task required for the specific service as instructed by the customer, and selecting from the database server, on the basis of the result of the analysis, a data piece regarding ~~ana~~a candidate executive element for executing ~~each of the tasks of a project that includes plural tasks~~the task required for the specific service, the selecting being based on the classification.

14. (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each one of the classified executive elements identifies an activity which is stored as an identifier in a database.

15. (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the candidate executive element is selected based on at least one of an operation name and an operation subject name of the classification.

16. (Previously Presented) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each one of the processible tasks is represented by a name of operation.

17. (New) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 15, further comprising a thesaurus database that stores concepts of operation names representing processible tasks.

18. (New) The element organization support apparatus according to claim 17, wherein the control unit searches the operation names in thesaurus database and checks whether any of the operation names in the thesaurus database matches a request for searching the classified executive element by operation name and when a match is found, the control unit recursively executes another search using the operation name found in the thesaurus database .